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TO WHOM HONOR IS DUE

Now in November comes National Cat Week. Now in the fall of the year when the frost is in the air and the thought of friendly winter evenings in our cozy rooms brings the image of our family and hearth-side friend into constant focus in our minds, do we set aside these seven days when we pay particular homage to this perfect companion, small in size only, who through the ages has added so much by influence and example to man's spiritual and contemplative activities, and who has brought such complete joy to children and to the young in heart everywhere in the world.

Is it but accident, can any felinophile suppose, that man's civilization arose only where and when he had accepted the companionship of the cat?

Can one overlook the love of cats to be found in the builders of human culture from the ancient Egyptians down to such as the Carl Sandburgs and the T. S. Eliots and the Ernest Hemingways of today. Or—to mention just a few world personalities in CATS' own circle of friends—such as biologist Dr. Ida Mellen, Olivia de Havilland and Greer Garson from the entertainment world, the Lockridges of Mr. and Mrs. North and Martini, and, from the realm of government, Margaret Chase Smith of Maine and Dr. Rajendra Prasad, president of India.

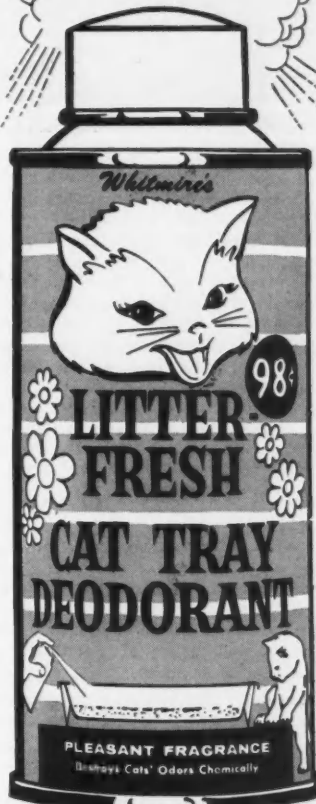
"Don't," someone says, "give cats and cat lovers all the credit—even at National Cat Week."

Yes, but can one fail to notice that in the western world it is in the days when the cat is glorified that culture flourishes, and that our "dark ages" are those of its persecution?

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Dear Editors:

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If novices like myself could only read such articles by these established breeders, your magazine would sell like hot cakes.

Mrs. P. Martin

401 Beaumont Avenue
St. Bruno, Quebec, Canada



NEW ENGLAND ROCKET

Dear Editors:

In spite of anything you may have read to the contrary, Sputnik was born in Vermont. A little more extrovert in type and manner than most New Englanders, but none the less a Vermonter.

He expects to be a hunter when he grows up. He is mad about adages, and feels the early bath catches the bird. We are training him to concentrate on mice and moles. Hoping, of course, he will forget the birds.

Florence Howe

Dover Hill
East Dover, Vermont

THANK YOU

Dear Editors:

When CATS Magazine comes, all work stops here at Citrus Ridge until I have pretty well covered the contents. Through my 30 years of breeding, many cat magazines have been published but none came up to the real completeness and coverage to the true cat fancy that CATS Magazine does in my estimation.

Mrs. A. J. Smith

9615 N.W. 26th Avenue
Miami 47, Florida

TEN LITTLE KITTEN CATS

Dear Editor:

We wondered if you and your readers would be interested in the ten-kitten litter by our two-year-old Seal Point, Purr Tee? It was her first delivery and we understand a most unusual one.

I had read that in a large litter, some kittens should be destroyed, but I just couldn't decide which ones to sentence to death. All were healthy, uniform Seal Points with straight tails and eyes. By weaning time, one female had fallen behind as to size but not in intelligence, so I gave her to a friend who will have her spayed. She has come along fine with the extra attention given her by her new owner. The mother is doing fine. We are considering having her spayed so she won't have to go through this again, but her long body and face are just what the breed needs.

Marian Roberts

22 Essex Street
Belleville 9, New Jersey



WORTH WAITING FOR

Dear Editors:

This is the cat I waited forty-nine years to own. This is Napoleon. When I am asked why I named him that, I remember when I was sixteen and lived in Washington, D. C. I was studying and living at the Emergency Hospital that was located in back of the White House then. A lady living in that vicinity had just such a cat that she walked every evening. When I stopped and spoke to her and admired her cat she was delighted and told me his name was Napoleon.

Now at the age of sixty-five, I have had a White Persian given to me. I decided his name would be the same as that first cat I loved. He stays by my bed at night and seems to feel that it is his duty to watch over me.

Mary E. Smith

3037 38th Ave., N.
St. Petersburg, Florida

YOU ARE SO WELCOME

Dear Editors:

I have been a subscriber of your magazine from the very first issue. I have them all in my library. My family, everyone of us, read it from front to back religiously and all enjoy it.

We have two Siamese males, a Chihuahua dog, two turtles, a parakeet and tropical fish. They all get along beautifully.

Thank you for the pleasure your magazine has given us from year to year.

Mrs. Thera Merla

2233 44th Ave.
San Francisco, California



VIVA CATNIP

Dear Editors:

As you can see, no "scare-cat" can keep Junior from his very favorite bed. I first became interested in catnip when a pet-shop clerk offered me a sample packet. He assured me it would afford my kitty the much needed fresh green over the winter months.

That was the beginning of a yearly catnip garden. I had always planted an herb garden for the kitchen, but now catnip tops all other herbs. It grows readily almost anywhere and its minty odor is most pleasant. The scallop-type leaves are attractive in arrangements and when dried can be used for tea. They are excellent for flavoring apple-mint jelly. It has a beautiful flower. Dainty tubular blooms form a lovely spike of pale lavender that blends nicely in any floral display. The fragrance is delightful.

My plants are spaced six inches apart on all sides. Its beauty and versatility of use earn it the name "Aristocrat" of the mint family. It is both my and my kitty's favorite herb.

Ruth K. Stroh

13 Sherwood Road
Cockeysville, Md.

SISTERS UNDER THE SKIN

Dear Editors:

Arrival of my CATS Magazine always means a stop long enough to look at the cover and the winning photo of the month. When time permits, the letters from other subscribers are read, then the poetry and then the Back Fence. Later, all articles are enjoyed at leisure.

The part of your magazine that I appreciate the most is that which shows that other normal, intelligent humans are as susceptible to "another cat" even though existing ones are sufficient for one home. I feel so relieved to know that I am not alone in being sure to yield when a deserted stray comes trembling, wide-eyed into my realm.

Don't cut out any of your sections, please.

Kit Leggett

P. O. Box 388
Williams Air Force Base, Arizona



CATS ON THE AMERICAN FRONTIER

by John E. Baur

The cat is an independent creature, the only domesticated mammal that man has never conquered. Yet he loves his own home, so it might seem that *Felis catus*, to give him his proper and universal name, would make a poor pioneer. That was seldom the case. Like every other man and beast on the frontier the cat was judged on his merits alone. He earned his keep, often the hard way. In much the same role as that of the sheriff, he had outlaws to control—rats and mice. Some of his brethren even declared war on snakes! The cat was no straggler either; sometimes he was ahead of the white man, finding a home among wild Indians who shared their love of independence with this new-found furry friend.

When the white man came to the New World he found only one domestic animal familiar to him, the dog, companion of Eskimos and Indians from the Arctic to southern North America. There were no cats, for *Felis catus*, along with Spaniards, Frenchmen, and Englishmen, was a European and a stranger. Knowing how to use this chief enemy of rodents, the Spanish explorers soon imported the first cats to their American colonies. Even before any part of our country became English-American, cats were helping out the friars and soldiers who were converting Indians and building civilization in the wilderness of the Southwest. As the Jesuit brothers in the 1700's moved slowly up the west coast of Mexico, founding missions as they went, cats went along to protect the grain supply and serve as a plague preventive.

By the 1790's Father Ignaz Pfefferkorn, writing of conditions in Sonora in northern Mexico, said that cats already were more plentiful than was necessary. The Indians themselves hunted and ate mice and rats; so the long-whiskered mousers could be dispensed with!

California was settled in 1769 by Father Junipero Serra, a Franciscan friar, who came north from Mexico to build the first of California's twenty-one missions. Al-

most as soon as the Spaniards' supplies had been unloaded and Mass said, the rats had arrived. By sheer necessity *Felis* soon followed. Probably Pedro Font, invaluable diarist of California mission days, was the first man to mention cats in what would become the Golden State. In 1775-76, he accompanied Juan B. de Anza overland from Mexico to blaze a new trail to San Francisco Bay where a settlement would be made. When Font was about to return south, he was asked by the padres of San Carlos Mission at Monterey to deliver on his way down the coast two cats to Missions San Gabriel and San Diego. Today one may still see the cat-holes cut in some of the original doors at San Gabriel, San Fernando, San Juan Bautista, and Santa Ines missions.

On Anza's expedition of 1776, his train included a hamper loaded on a mule. Inside the hamper were four cats destined for the rodent-ridden missions. By the time that Spain's outposts of empire and religion were prospering, the cat population had also grown greater, large enough by 1814 that a Mr. McTavish, a Canadian fur trader from Oregon, stopped at Mon-

terey and purchased for his post "two Spanish cats."

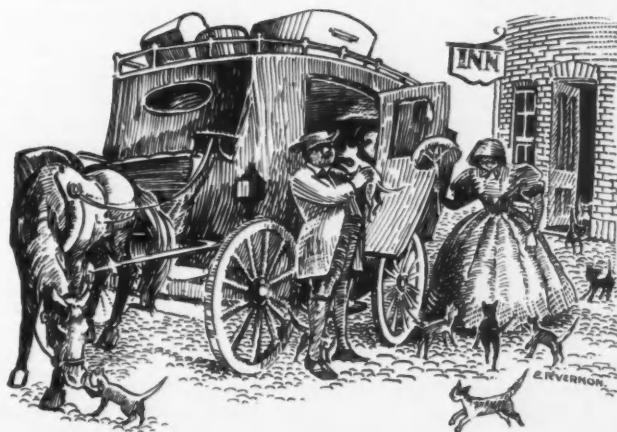
More slowly, English-speaking Americans moved westward, across the Mississippi. With them came all their familiar domestic animals. Less than ten years after the Louisiana Purchase from France the following true story was told: A traveler met a man on the Gasconade River in Missouri who had "a barrel of whiskey to set up a tavern with, a bag of cotton for his wife to spin, and a couple of kittens, for the purpose of augmenting his family; these kept up such *doleful serenades* during the night that I was scarcely able to close my eyes." Even in the 1810's, soldiers stationed in the wild Missouri country kept their pet cats. A French visitor in the Pike County region in 1819 had to turn an officer's cat out of a log cabin so he could get some sleep, but the pioneer pussy found her way back through a hole in the far-from-sturdy roof; she was not going to give up a warm place by the fire that easily.

Another visitor in 1833 went up the Missouri to Fort Clark in the land of the Mandans. There, in what is today North Dakota, he found many dogs among the fort's inhabitants, and a few tame cats, probably descendants of the ones brought some years earlier by rugged French Canadian fur trappers. But there were still not enough to do away with the horde of Norway rats, from which no provisions were safe, especially maize, their favorite grain. Had enough of *Felis*'s brothers been present, a daily toll of 250 pounds of corn, destroyed by rodents, could have been saved.

Felis was a river boatman, too. In one of his most famous paintings of Missouri river life, George Caleb Bingham, Missouri artist of the early nineteenth century, shows the typical black cat, companion of the rough but dauntless rivermen who preceded the steamboat age on Western waters.

Apparently *Felis* reached the Pacific Northwest before there was any Oregon Trail and before Marcus Whitman had

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Drawings
by
Elba
Riffe
Vernon

FEWLINES 'BOUT FELINES

PET THEORY

Kitten Little came our way
Like sunshine from a golden day.
I opened up the door one June
And there she sat as bright as noon.
She looked at me; I looked at her,
This little puff of yellow fur
That glittered like an errant gleam
Of sunlight from a stray sunbeam.
I said goodmorning, how are you?
She mewed—that meant goodmorn-
ing, too.

I opened up the door real wide
And gathered her small self inside.
Since then, I'm sure suns spawned
this mite,
She's filled our lives with so much
light.

—Phyllis Mahn Potter

CAT-HATERS

Cat-haters used to make me sad,
And even, sometimes, fighting mad,
But I have learned to temper that—
In learning we who love a cat
Love so much more than they can
hate

That the combined, collective weight
Of all their scorn still comes to less
Than one cat-owner's tenderness!

Georgette Weiser

CATS

These are not creatures that the
jungle bred.

They sit on our laps and are at ease,
They listen to our radio symphonies,
They move among us tactfully, and
yet

We, who have now for many cen-
turies fed,

Housed them, and known so well
how they can please

Our half-ironic love for graceful
peace,

Are still suspicious of each alley cat.

We think their home is in a weirder
place,

Among wild parrots or Egyptian
gods.

And we will not accept them like our
dogs,

Because their eyes are so unlike a
man's.

Their snobbery is but a self-
defense

Against a snobbish and self-
righteous race.

—Ruth Anvoy

THE BROOKLYN CATS

*The Brooklyn cats are big and bold,
With tawny backs and eyes of gold.
When morning comes, on silken feet,
Each cat goes out to walk his beat;
And I go out to get the air,
And find Fernando waiting there.*

*Fernando is a friendly cat
Who for some reason lets me pat
His velvet head and pointed ears.
(I'm prob'ly least of all he fears,
Or else he likes to half believe
I have a herring up my sleeve!)*

*The Brooklyn cats are old and wise,
With tawny backs and golden eyes.
Their claws are sharp, their tread
is light.*

*They plot by day and prowl by night.
Within my dreams I see them rise
Like phantom-shapes with starry
eyes.*

*They come by thousands, two by
two,*

Along each street and avenue.

*They overrun the stores and flats
Till half the world is Brooklyn cats!*

*The Hudson flows with milk and
cream*

*To give their coats that glossy gleam,
And Prospect Park becomes, no less,
A mighty catnip wilderness.*

*When I awaken, numb and blue,
I fear my dream is coming true,
For this I know and this I say:
The Brooklyn cats are here to stay.
A feline era dawns at last,
And Man's a relic of the past.*

*And so, to save his simple face,
Let man retire with speed and grace
Inside his bungalows and flats,
And give the country to the cats!*

—George Cardinal LeGros

RACIAL MEMORY

Blue-grey Kitten sat,
Golden-eyed and innocent,
Gazing at the noble cat
Made of bronze,
Great Goddess Bast.
Faintly stirred,
His racial past
Made him seek
My lap's protection:
Wash himself,
To hide dejection.

—Cynthia Davril Holding

"How can I please you, my cat?"
"Feed me, and respect me, O human.
I am an adult and am quite capable of
finding ways to please myself."

—Thaddeus Hauxhurst

ZEEBÉ

When he was young and brave of
heart,
Patiently he learned the art
Of climbing trees and high board
fences,
Of hunting mice where the river
commences,
Of getting into fight after fight,
And never being home at night . . .
And now he is content to lap
Warm milk and stay at home—and
nap!

—Jessie Eldridge

ENIGMAS

You know what dogs are thinking;
Each heart is on its sleeve.
They show their love by lick or wag.
Their eyes do not deceive.
But cats are much more subtle:
You pet and stroke their fur,
But never know just what they think,
Nor what is in their purr.

—Thelma Ireland

CATS' PLAY

*Black, coiling limbs, sleek
As the earth's first grass
In spring, twine in and out—
Cats in a wrestling bout.
Long, glossy paws seek
The rounded belly, pass
Over head and neck and back
With fighter's knack.
Crouching, each in his dome
Of fur, moveless save lash
Of tail, they calmly disguise
Their gaze, then half arise;
Spring, roll on the floor,
Body with black body flinging
In a swirl of fur—more
Curves intermingling.
Claws, quick as fire, comb
Ears and eyes. A flash,
A hiss, a twist. Two cats
Stroll toward the door.*

—Hope Stoddard

TO AN INDUSTRIOUS TABBY

*One cat's company,
Five are a crowd.
One litter a year
Is all that's allowed.
But here you go—
Five and five make ten!—
Littering up
The place again.*

—Ethel Jacobson

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THE TELEPATHIC CAT

by Lucille Britt

There have been times in days gone by when I would have been hard pressed to tell you just what cats are good for—except as lap warmers, occasional mice catchers and butterfly chasers. I have heard of a few cats that more or less earn their keep in unusual ways, like the cat who always woke her deaf mistress when the phone or the doorbell rang at night. But such talented felines are in the minority I believe.

Then I met Figaro, the telepathic cat.

At first the rare powers of this cat seemed accidental. But now, after carefully checking and rechecking I've come to the conclusion that Figaro is both clairvoyant and telepathic. There's no denying it once you've heard the facts.

When I first discovered Figaro's unusual ability, the house next door was the home of three cats—Quickity, Nuisy, and City Girl, to be exact. "Next door" is not to be taken literally in this neck of the woods. The house is actually over the hill, out of sight behind the trees, and the

Figaro's eyes staring in amber steadiness give one an uneasy feeling sometimes—as if he were mind-reading. And often he is.

Photo by the author.



equivalent of halfway down a city block. The geography is important to the case.

Every weekday morning of the year, the weather notwithstanding, and as regularly as Thanksgiving falls on Thursday, as soon as we opened the door in the morning, Figaro set out in his ambling way to the neighbors' to sit on their window sill, in front of a pulled window shade, until the cats came out to say, "Good morning." They were late sleepers.

However, and this is the curious part, on days when the cats were not there, having been whisked off to a boarding kennel for a few days, Figaro knew in advance and turned his early morning footsteps in another direction. And he never made a mistake—never went over to find his friends out for the day.

The climax of this situation came when practically overnight, or so it seemed to me, the three cats moved out and two dogs moved in.

I worried for fear Figaro would be in for a shock, but he wasn't. He never went near that house again. The very day his three pals left town, he shifted his affections to Kukla, a comely, but ornery miss,

who lives a good jaunt across the meadow, through the woods and on the other side of a fence.

Now he goes visiting daily again, except on days when Kukla isn't in residence, or days when she has company. Figaro's clairvoyant about that, too. He doesn't like people, outside of his own family, that is. And though he sits on neighboring window sills and talks to people, no one can put a hand on him, he saves himself just for us.

When there's company at Kukla's, Figaro figures it's no place for him, so he stays at home. And he never has to go over to find out that company has arrived—he just knows.

Now you may decide that Kukla, noting the feverish activity of her own household, might surmise that there's trouble afoot and would caution Figaro, "Better lay low for a few days, we're going to be invaded." That may happen at times, but it didn't last week.

Quite suddenly and completely unex-

pectedly Kukla's humans received visiting relatives in the night. The next morning Figaro didn't leave his own backyard. He couldn't see the neighboring house, but somehow he'd received the message. If that isn't accounted for by ESP, you figure it out otherwise.

Right now Figaro is ensconced in his favorite outdoor chair. He hasn't been away from the house for four days now, Kukla's at the kennel. When I go down to look after my neighbor's flowers, Figaro comes along, but stays on the other side of the fence, disdainfully telling me, "There's no use going over there, Kukla's not at home."

With equal facility he reads my mind, knowing what I'm going to do, how I'm going to react before I know myself. He knows when I'm going to think his antics are cute, or when I've had enough of his guff and will banish him from the house. He knows when I'm dressed to go out and will just put him down cellar (he lays there waiting to be carried away), or will wait to take him along (he legs it).

He knows when I will get up and feed him if he makes enough racket with his dish, and when it's just a waste of time trying to get my attention. He knows when I will play with him and his ball and retrieve it for him—and when I'm too busy or tired to chase anymore, and

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If...

you've searched in vain for MICHAEL JOSEPH'S *Charles* (a most elusive classic)—

you fondly recall *The Abandoned* by PAUL GALLICO (who wrote the delightful *Thomasina*)—

you haven't read *Treating of Traits* by CARL VAN VECHTEN (devoted student of the genus *Felis*)—

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Figaro has looked from CATS pages twice before. Once in 1954 when he illustrated an article on how to travel with a cat (he's logged a lot of miles since then), and again in the Picture of the Month in January of this year.



In Kansas City Barbara Pilger's two pets get together to share a couple of secrets. Next, Marcena Myers of Aliquippa, Pa., calls her photo of a Cream Kit, "1959 winner!"



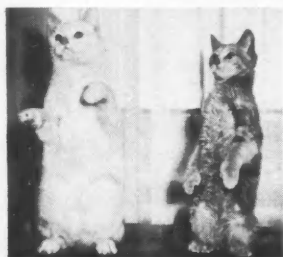
"Where's the cat?," or "Cat Show comes to the end," by Grant Haist, Rochester, N. Y.

Below, Mussie of Detroit pictures the Grand old Tr. Gr. Ch. Lee's Hi-Hat Champaign at the champagne party given by his owner Marie Wilson and some fifty of his friends and admirers from all over America on his twelfth birthday.



Carole Munroe pictures her puss in the great wide-open space of Brooklyn.

And, below, in Chilton, Wisc., Mrs. Mich Winger puts her kitties through their paces.



Rollin Cable of Blawnox, Pa.—National Cat Week's Secretary—also uses a trophy to show off one of his Siamese youngsters below.

OUR PUSSES IN PICTURES for National Cat Week



Ella B. Martin of England sent us the photo of this beautiful 10-inch high ivory carving by Gwynneth Holt, one of Great Britain's top sculptresses. (Her wood carving of a Siamese cat graced CATS March 1955 cover.)



This neighborhood Tom who grabbed first place in line waiting for the show to open (and brought his lunch!) was immortalized by Beth Carriers of Walnut Creek, California.

The line-up below shows some of the finest of Detroit's Fancy and their felines at the annual exhibit sponsored by Hudson's great department store. (Another Muzzie shot.)

Both Mrs. Paul Glass of Joliet, Illinois, and Mrs. C. E. Leonard of Puente, Calif., found the whatnot shelves just right for kitty pictures.

U. S. Senator Margaret Chase Smith of Maine shows us a Maine coon kit below. Photo—Central Maine C.C.



SCAREDY-CAT!

by Eloise Franco

Too late, I realized Toto, our mother cat, had given birth before in the insulation laid on the rafters solely because I had refused to let her make a nest in her chosen spot—a narrow box placed for dirty clothes in the bathroom off the kitchen. So as her time approached last month I was careful to indicate she had my full approval to use the box. The clothes were removed and a layer of newspapers and soft cloth carefully spread for her accouchement.

As soon as the three new kittens were warm and dry, however, we transferred the family to a large Scott towel box in the kitchen. There, as usual, the little ones seemed to grow before our very eyes. We have found these large square boxes ideal not only because there is room for Toto to lie full length (if she takes the trouble to arrange herself crosswise) but also because the sides are just high enough to prevent the kittens from climbing out. That is, they stay in the box until they are large and strong enough to clamber over, which means they are also old enough to keep out from under foot on the kitchen floor.

Two of the present kittens, Sweetie-face and Frisky, accomplished this maneuver in record time. But their sister, Goldilocks, was a true Scaredy-Cat. After the others had scrambled out she would make a few feeble attempts to scale those seemingly unsurmountable heights and then stand in the middle of the box mewling pitifully. For Toto naturally had jumped out to watch the other two. There was no physical reason that we could see for this kitten not to make it. She was as large and strong as the other two. We could only conclude the problem was purely psychological. This was borne out by the fact that whereas Frisky and Sweetie-face loved to be picked up and cuddled. Goldilocks always stiffened with claws bared, meowing loudly until put down again.

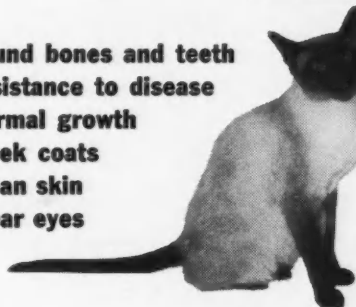
On this particular evening I was again watching our scaredy-cat's vain attempts at climbing over and decided to give her a hand. Boosting Goldilocks up, I brought her hind feet up to the top of the box beside her front paws, which now, by the way, could actually reach the top. But what did she do? Instead of slipping over and down to the floor as I had naturally thought she would, Goldilocks turned around, balancing precariously and mewling with fright. It was just as far down on either side, but to her the nest spelled safety, so down into it she went.

A little later I tried again to help. This time at the top I gave an extra push so that she overbalanced. Since she had been in the act of turning again, her feet slipped down and she was actually standing on the floor outside the box, though still hanging desperately to its top. There was no question of even having to tumble down. All she would have had to do was to let go

and she would have been outside with the others as she had been longing to be. But, again, what did she do? Frantically she scrambled with her hind feet until she was over the top and down once more into the safety of the box. There she sat for a moment looking sorrowfully up into my face, then began to mew again to get out.

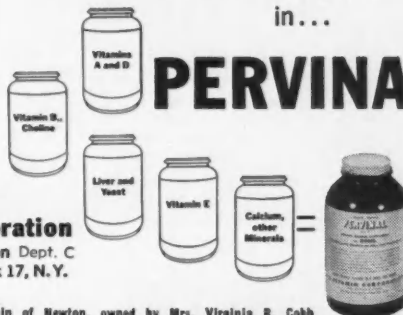
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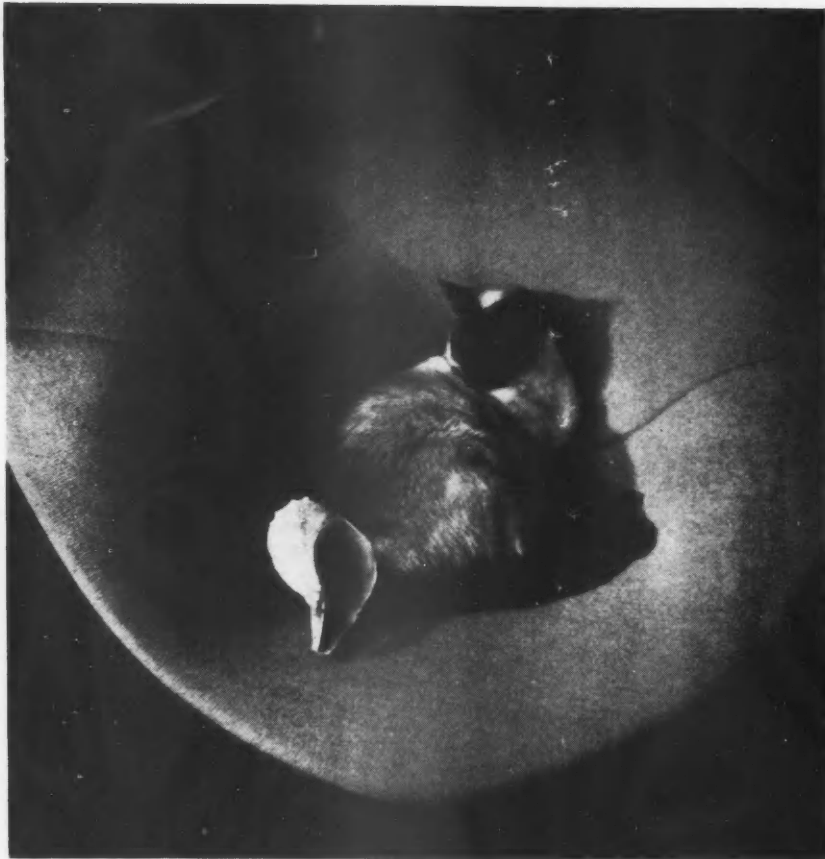
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I have a two-year-old female who has never called. The local veterinarian says she is in perfect health. I got her when she was eight months old and she has never had kittens. I would like to have a litter from her. Could you give me any reason why she doesn't come into season?

—Joan Welch

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There could be a number of reasons why she doesn't come in season. Faulty development of reproductive organs, insufficient or no production of necessary hormones. Treatment with hormones may bring about a normal condition.

I purchased a Chinchilla male and have since discovered that he has a condition that causes him to have severe diarrhea and at times the haw covers 1/3rd of his eyes. The original owner, when contacted, said these cats couldn't have milk or fish and recommended a diet of C.D. but that seems to cause more breaking out so I tried lean chopped beef and that caused more diarrhea. The veterinarian told us he would have to have shots twice a week as he is not chemically balanced and his liver doesn't function properly. Could there be a chance of his outgrowing this or should we just give up and put him to sleep. He seems quite healthy and we would like to keep him. Could you suggest any home remedies?

—Mrs. T. J. Moore

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From the description given I think I would have difficulty treating the patient. I would suggest offering him a good balanced diet such as any regular cat or dog food and allow the body a chance to adjust itself. Perhaps sometimes we are too anxious to give something instead of allowing natural processes to correct unnatural conditions.

My cat has a lump developing in his ear. It does not fester but it is tender when I massage it. It has only been there a few weeks and I notice that the ear is bending forward a little. Is there anything you could suggest?

—Myrtle P. Mazza

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You describe what may be a hematoma. This is like a blister formation only instead of the liquid contained inside being a watery substance, it is blood. Usually surgical treatment is the best remedy.

I have a female, part Persian (three years old) who has begun to urinate on the floor when in heat. Veterinarians say she is so small in structure that spaying is out of the question. She uses her box faithfully when not in season. Any cure?

—Mrs. E. E. Walker

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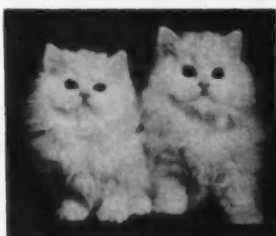
I am not at all sure about what is meant by her being "so small" that spaying is not advisable. The use of very small doses of hormone treatment may help in controlling this problem.

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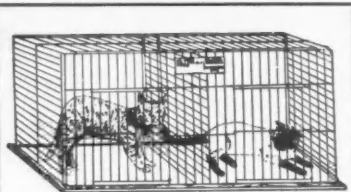
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WHAT IS A CAT SHOW?

"Tips to
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All readers of CATS have heard of cat shows, but because they know so little about them many hesitate to enter their cats. This article is written to explain some of the procedures. It can not be complete in details, because there are five different associations which sponsor cat shows—each one with its own particular variations in rules. All of these associations have advertisements in all issues of CATS and by writing to their secretaries you may obtain copies of the complete and up-to-date rules covering the shows which each sanctions. The basic points are similar enough, however, so that we can generalize and never be very far from any of them.

The purposes of cat shows are many: to acquaint the public with the great beauty of cats and to point out to people in general the value of having a cat as a pet; to help breeders in the development of cats of superior beauty; and through the means of ribbons, awards, trophies, and titles to satisfy the desire of breeders to know how their cats compare with those of other breeders in quality, while rewarding with these symbols of prestige the breeders who produce cats of superior quality and the single cat-owners who have outstanding cats. To most clubs cat shows form the major year-to-year objectives of the organization. They give the members a definite goal to work for and are a prime incentive in the development of the entire Cat Fancy.

A cat show is made up of several shows at the same time. Most important is the *All Breed Show* in which every cat must be entered and must compete. The other shows held in conjunction with the All Breed are the *Specialty Shows* in which particular breeds or colors are designated, and these cats compete only among themselves. Some are: *Longhair Specialty*—for Persian (or Longhair) cats only; *Shorthair Specialty*—any cat but the Longhairs; *Siamese Specialty*—Siamese cats only; *Foreign Shorthair Specialty*—Siamese, Abyssinians, Burmese, Manx, and Russian Blues; *Solid Color Specialty*—any cat having one color coat only; *Silver Specialty*—Longhair and Shorthair Chinchillas, Shaded Silvers, Silver Tabbies, and Smokes; *Tabby and Tortie Specialty*—All Longhair and Shorthair Tabbies, Tortoiseshells, and Blue Creams.

Any cat may compete in the shows—in the All Breed where there are classes for every type of cat, and in the Specialties which cover its breed or color pattern. Championship classes are those whose

winners earn points toward championships and grand championships. They consist of classes for Novice, Open, Champion and Grand Champion cats, with some associations recognizing Neuters and Spays in championship classes of their own.

In order to win championships cats must be registered in the association sponsoring the show where they are competing. There is one exception: you may enter your cat in a show the first time without a registration, but you must have the registration for any succeeding show, or the wins and the points toward championship will be cancelled.

To provide for every type of cat, all shows have Non-Championship classes for Kittens, Neuters, Spays, and Household Pets where unregistered cats can win most attractive awards.

The recognized varieties of cats are the *Longhairs* (or *Persians*), *Siamese*, *Abyssinians*, *Burmese*, *Russian Blues*, *Manx*, *Domestic Shorthairs*, and *Household Pets*. In the Longhairs we have *Blue-Eyed Whites*, *Orange-Eyed Whites*, *Odd-Eyed Whites*, *Blues*, *Blacks*, *Reds*, *Peke-Face Reds*, *Creams*, *Chinchillas*, *Shaded Silvers*, *Silver Tabbies*, *Black Smokes*, *Blue Smokes*, *Red Tabbies*, *Peke-Face Red Tabbies*, *Brown Tabbies*, *Tortoiseshells*, *Calicos*, and *Blue Creams*. In the Siamese there are *Blue Points*, *Seal Points*, *Frost Points* and *Chocolate Points* (and in some associations, *Red Points*). The Manx and Domestic Shorthairs have the same colors and patterns as the Longhairs plus *Mackerel Tabbies* of various colors, and *Particolors*. The new *Himalayan* cat has the type and coat of the Longhairs but with the blue eyes and color pattern of the Siamese. Household pets can be any color or mixture of colors. Kittens fit into copies of the adult class designations. Altogether there are over 1000 different classifications, with each one designated by number and name—but only those classes for which individual shows have entries (usually less than 100) are printed in the show catalogs.

To enter your cat in a show it is necessary to contact the Show Secretary of the club putting it on at least six weeks before the show date so that you may receive an entry form. This must be filled out giving the correct name, breed, sex, color, owner, breeder, and classification number. If it is not correctly made out the cat may be disqualified and cannot compete. (Once you arrive at the show room, the best policy is to obtain a catalog which lists all the cats to appear in the show as soon as you enter. Then check your cat's classification to be sure it is correct. You may ask the show committee to help you, and if any correction is necessary, it can be attended to before the show begins.) CATS Magazine lists all of the coming shows in the Show Calendar, and most clubs advertise their shows in CATS far enough ahead of the show so that you will know where and when to write for all the information and

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Enter your cat in the right class! Each association has different rules for the different classes, so be sure to write the secretary of the Association sanctioning any show which you plan to attend for the first time. Ask for the show rules which will clearly explain how your cat should be entered, and study them carefully. The following information is general in character and does not specifically apply to any show.

The Kitten Classes are for any kitten, male or female, not less than four months, but under eight calendar months old on the opening day of the show. Kittens do not compete with adults. Their wins are limited to Best of Color and Best Kitten in Show, with matching Opposite Sex awards.

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Open Classes are for cats of either sex, eight months old or over, excepting confirmed champions. Thus, the Open Classes are for cats who are striving to become champions. In each show winners in the open classes earn points (from one to four depending on the size of the show) toward Championship. After ten points (twelve in some associations) have been earned the owner should apply to the Recorder of the Association sanctioning the shows for a Championship certificate. This title is valuable, since it proves that your cat is of outstanding quality. Most shows also give Best Open and Best O.S. Open Awards.

After a cat has received a certificate of championship or a confirmation from the recorder it is then entered in the **Championship Class**. In succeeding shows it must be entered as a champion, if not, its classification must be changed by the show committee upon your arrival at the show. The champions compete against each other with the winner being designated Best Champion. He receives one point toward Grand Championship (but no more than four per show) for every champion competing, with a total of ten points being required to win a Grand. The champions also compete with the other cats for Best of Color and Best of Breed awards.

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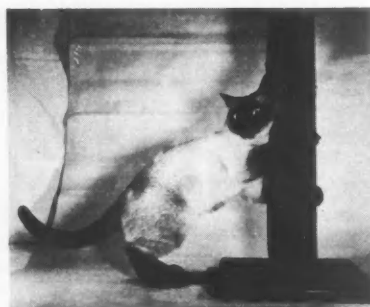
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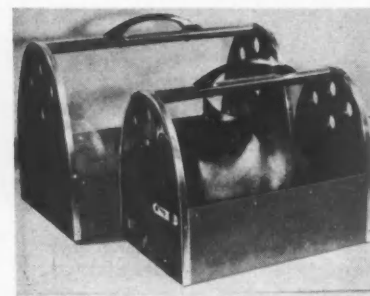
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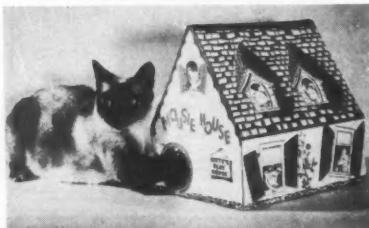
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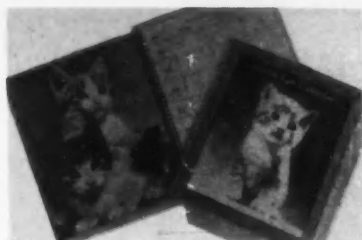
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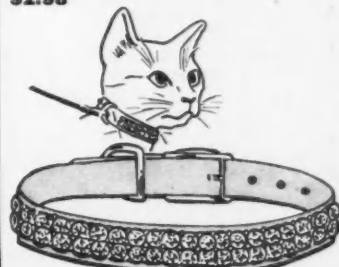
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CHRISTMAS

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Two flirting salt and pepper shakers are one of many cat items available from Ideas Unlimited, and Kitty-Katch suggests a new self-balancing toy which will appeal to all cats and their owners.

Marguerite Chapman tells us that her famous Sketchy Pet Notes and Christmas cards are again available, and Ed Lally suggests his limited edition hand-painted cards—featuring Miss Belinda and other cats.

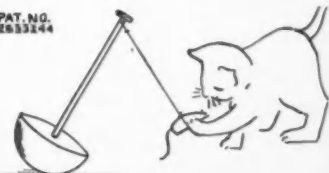
Hilo will again make Hilo Dry Bath available in Christmas wrappings, and, in fact, any of the products advertised in CATS will be most satisfying gifts whether ordered by mail or purchased in your local stores.

There's always at least one book lover on our lists—here the answer is *Plain & Fancy Cats*, advertised in this issue, or books previously reviewed such as the *Personality of the Cat*, *Translations from the Siamese*, *Cats in Your Home*, *The Complete Book of Cat Care*, *Cats and How I Photograph Them*, *Of Cats and Men*.

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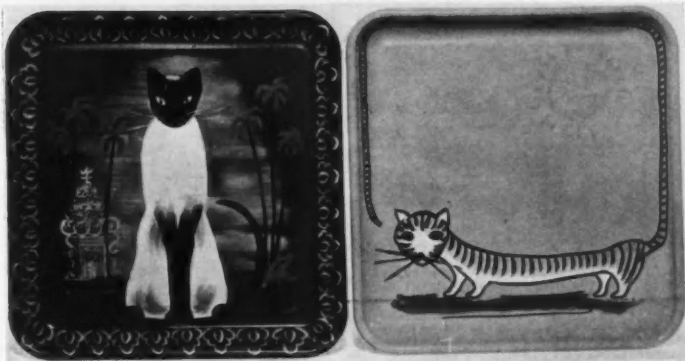
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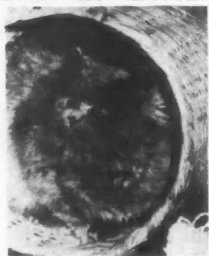
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Cats Club and Show Reporter

COMBINATIONS—IN N.Y., FLA. and PA.

This new show season at least six more clubs are swinging to combined shows. In Florida, Circus City Cat Club and Catkins Cat Club are scheduling theirs for December 6-7 in Sarasota, and in Pennsylvania, the Allegheny Valley Cat Club of Pittsburgh and the Lake Erie Cat Club of Cleveland are joining forces in Pittsburgh on January 17-18. In New York, the Empire Cat Club and Westchester Cat Club are combining at White Plains on January 10 and 11. The shows offer an opportunity for double championship and A-A points. Full details of these and all other forthcoming shows are on the Show Calendar pages.

K-N-S in PHOENIX

Richard Millhouse judges a Kitten, Neuter, Spay All Breed for the Arizona Cat Club in Phoenix on November 2nd. Helen Early, 502 West 6th St., Scottsdale will provide entry information.

CHATTERBOX B.P. TO GERMANY

Amelia Roberts of Harrisburg, Pa., reports shipment of one of her Blue Point Siamese to West Germany on August 12—the first Blue Point from this country that she knows of having been sent there.

NEW NATIONAL DSH GROUP FORMS

To further the interest and development of the Domestic Shorthair, the Domestic Shorthair Society has been formed. It is non-affiliated, and its founding officers are President, Vickie McDonald; Vice President, Shirley Strom; Secretary-Treasurer, Ruth Fletcher, 1027 Underhill Drive, Napa, Calif.

The club invites all Domestic Shorthair breeders in the United States and Canada to join them in setting up a better Show and Color Standard for the most popular of all cats—the DSH.

JUDGE CHANGE FOR OHIO STATE

At the Ohio State Persian Club show, December 13-14, a change in judges has been announced for the Tabby & Tortie and Solid Color Specialties. The new judge will be Mrs. Stella Harlos of Milwaukee.

A-E, A-A

Two minor typos in our August and September issues should be corrected. Owner of the Eastern H.M. Orange-Eyed White Male is Michael Campo, and the title of the A-A Blue Manx Male is Gr. & Qd. Ch.

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Dear Editors:

The entire Cat Fancy, I feel, would be helped if a movement could be started to consolidate all cat associations in a group such as the American Kennel Club.

A fine animal can be in the stud book in one organization and be ignored by another snobbish clique of cat fanciers.

I am sure there are many more that feel as I do. Let's talk up unity!

Mrs. Henri G. Carvos

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PRINT REAL RIGHT

Dear Editors:

I was glad to see my "Sell Real Pets" in the October issue, but there were two errors:

The seventh paragraph should conclude, "To date I have had no trouble selling my altered kittens, and I am the only person in my area who does alter kittens."

Credit should have been given to the United Abyssinian Club Newsletter, and my name is correctly spelled as below.

Joan Rosenberger

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HANDLING CATS AT SHOWS

An appalling incident at a recent show brought into sharp focus certain problems in handling cats at shows. This show chose to operate by the "steward system," that is, all cats were brought up to the judges, then returned to their cages, by stewards rather than by owners.

One male cat blew to pieces the arguments for that system. This fine, beautiful, and otherwise gentle animal turned on the steward who, no doubt, reeked of other cats. The steward was severely scratched and bitten, and, in a desperate attempt to hold the frantic animal, nearly choked the poor creature to death.

Neither the cat nor the steward was at fault. The indefensible policy of "stewarding" was to blame. (Stewards do not wash between handling cats. Even if they did, they could not change their clothes.)

I do not own the male in question, nor do I know his owner, but I have seen him at other shows, and know he is neither vicious nor temperamental. I was utterly shocked to see both human and feline suffer so cruelly and needlessly. After this incident, the judge "broke the rules" and requested each owner to handle his own male.

Well, why not? Why not make cat shows more tolerable to the cats? Many cats feel calm and secure in the presence of their owners, yet may panic and act up when mauled about by strangers—especially strangers who smell just like strange cats!

Dogs are "handled" at dog shows. Horses are "handled" at horse shows. Are we to imply that cat judges are such a dishonest group of people that the presence of an owner or handler will keep them from making fair decisions? This whole farce of "stewarding" is a direct insult to our judges.

If it is felt that a judge does not make honest decisions, why invite such a person to judge in the first place? Certainly there are many fine, honorable judges whose only concern is the animal, not the owner. These are the only people who should be allowed to judge, ever!

Why, too, should a good judge be subjected to the danger of a bite from an excited cat when the owner could prevent it?

But, mainly, I'm on the side of the cats. Why should the poor cats suffer needless anxiety and witless cruelty? As cat lovers, we cherish the devotion our cats give us. We are proud of a cat who chooses us, above all other humans, to trust and love. Why betray that trust at a cat show? How can one explain to the cat that suddenly he must trust any old two-legged creature? (Certainly we humans don't!)

I'm not speaking of "mean" cats. I do believe

that truly vicious cats are rare, but cat shows can easily make a gentle cat seem temperamental.

At another show, I saw one of the gentlest male cats in show history suddenly bite the judge very badly. There can always come that "one time" when the cat is taken by surprise, unduly excited by the other cats, upset by some unseemly movement, rough handling, strange sounds, et cetera.

A cat who is not sensitive and responsive to his surroundings is hardly a cat at all! Let us admit that cat shows are an emotional strain on most cats. If only those cats who are claimed to "love the shows" were exhibited, the entries would be very small indeed!

Why not let owners handle their cats for the judges? I feel strongly that both cats and judges would be better off. There will always be accusations of "politics" no matter what system is used. Let's consider the feelings of the CAT first!

Jeanne Singer

Singa Cattery

17 Clover Lane

Westbury, L. I., N. Y.

FOURTH GENERATION ALL-SECTIONAL

Dear Editors:

I would like to call to your attention a statistical item omitted from your recent accounts of the All-Eastern awards. Ch. Green Lane Beryl (who now belongs to my husband and me), the All-Eastern CP female is a FOURTH GENERATION All-Sectional winner. Her sire, Gr. Ch. Green Lane Van, was All-Midwestern and All-American CP male last year. Her grandsire, Tr. Ch. Green Lane Vance was All-Eastern in '56 and '57 and AHM in '56—Vance being Van's sire. Vance's dam, Ch. Doneraile Brun Malvana was All-Eastern in '54 and '55. Vance's sire, Ch. Beauchat Brunnesceus Lynn of Wu was All-Eastern in '54, also.

I am very curious to know if any other strain has equalled this record of four generations of sectional winners. Much credit must be given Mrs. Rex Naugle, Green Lane Cattery, who is the owner of Malvana and the breeder of Vance, Van and Beryl. (We hope to add another region and more generations to the record.)

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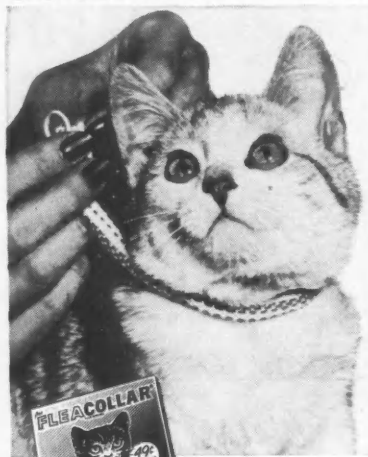
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feels that a complete picture of the relationship between the Maude Erwin Foundation for Cats, Inc., and the CSPCA has not been given in recent articles, so we would appreciate any inquiries.

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associations they also compete with the other cats for Best of Color and Best of Breed.

The biggest wins of the shows are those that are known as the finals. These consist of Best Cat in Show, Best Opposite Sex Cat in Show and Second Best Cat in Show. All the cats who have previously won the "Best" awards compete with each other for the final awards. If the Best Cat is a male then the Best Opposite Sex Cat is a female or vice versa. The Second Best Cat award may go to the Best O.S. Cat or to a cat of the same sex as the Best Cat.

The awards that are won by the cats consist of ribbons, rosettes, trophies and some cash prizes. How the winners of these awards are designated will be briefly explained. The judging begins with one particular breed and color. Let's say that the Blue-Eyed Whites are being judged. First the Blue-Eyed White male novices will be brought before the judge. She will compare them against each other and choose the best Blue-Eyed White Male Novice. Similarly, she will choose her best in the male Open, Champion and Grand Champion classes. After her best Open male is chosen, she will match it against her best BE Wh male novice for the Winner's Ribbon which entitles its possessor to gain points toward championship. That winner will be matched against the best in the Champion and Grand Champion classes to determine the best Blue-Eyed White male. Then the Blue-Eyed White females will be taken through the same steps, and finally the best female will be matched against the best male to determine which wins the Best of Color (BOC) rosette and which wins the Best Opposite Sex (BOX). In addition to the winners' ribbons and BOC and BOX rosettes, first, second, third, and sometimes fourth ribbons are given for each of the classes. (If in the opinion of the judge the quality of the first novice or first open is not high enough to merit championship

points, the winner's ribbon may be withheld, but all other awards will be given.)

This same system is carried out in the judging of all the Best of Color awards and it also determines Best Kitten, Best Novice, Best Champion, Best Grand Champion on up through to Best Cat.

Since we have five different associations which license shows it is possible for a cat to gain multiple wins. Let's say a cat becomes a Champion in the ACA and it goes on to win a Championship in the CFA. This will make it a Double Champion. Should it go on to win in the CFF it will be known as a Triple Champion. If it also wins in the ACFA it will become a Quadruple Champion and should it also win in the UCF it will then be entitled to be called a Quintuple Champion. Grand Championships are designated the same way.

After the shows are all over, CATS Magazine through its mathematical system, scores each and every cat. These are totaled up and the cat that is the best in its particular geographical part of the country is known as the All-Sectional winner (All-Eastern, All-Southern, All-Midwestern and All-Western). The winners of the All-Sectionals compete with each other for the All-American Awards with the highest scoring cat of all winning the top award of "The Cat Of The Year."

(We wish to make a change in the dosage of Chloromycetin recommended for Infectious Feline Pneumonitis last month. The passage should have read: Chloromycetin has been found to be a big help, and by administering one 50 mg tablet to adults and one 25 mg tablet to kittens twice a day for three days, you have a very good chance of keeping them alive.)

TELEPATH

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he has to bring it back to me to throw for him.

In fact, he knows so much about what I have in mind for him, or you might say he has me so well-trained, that it's difficult to outwit him. In fact it's only by diligent training since he was a six-week-old-kitten that we manage any discipline at all.

His schedule is this: He gets nothing to eat, except milk, after ten o'clock in the morning, until his evening meal. Then, when he comes in to eat, he doesn't get to go back out again that night. This schedule has been so rigidly enforced that in six years our naturally nocturnal pussy has spent only two nights out, and one of those times he was locked in a neighboring garage.

It may be this extra-sensory perception, highly developed in some cats, that directs those remarkable creatures who have found their ways hundreds of miles, back to their families. You read about such lost cats coming home quite regularly. I don't know how good Figaro would be in a case like that, but he certainly can keep close track of his neighbors, without resorting to the telephone or the backyard fence.

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WESTWARD

(from page 5)

dreamed of the Pacific shore. As far as we know, Peter Skene Ogden, a British fur trapper for the Hudson's Bay Company when Oregon was a wilderness, made the first known mention of the Shasta country in his journal entry of February 14, 1827. In the same paragraph he wrote that one of his beaver trappers the day before had seen a domestic cat gone wild. He speculated that it must have come from the coast, abandoned there by some ship. Seven years later on the Snake River, a tributary of the Columbia, John K. Townsend, pioneer traveler through today's Idaho, strolled early one morning into a Snake Indian camp where he found thirty buffalo-skin lodges. The town was crowded with men and children, surrounded by their large, motley accumulation of dogs, cats, and tamed wolves. The dogs growled, the wolves cowered, and the cats ran away and hid, for none were accustomed to white men. Unlike the cats who no longer recognized the race of their former owners, the Indians were curious and friendly.

Much earlier than this, Felis had been adopted by the Five Civilized Tribes which had inhabited the Old South. These peoples, the Creek, Cherokee, Chickasaw, Choctaw, and Seminole, had been removed by American military authorities to make room for white settlers. The "Trail of Tears" which these exiles followed in the 1830's across the Mississippi to Oklahoma was also trekked by the white man's animals which they had adopted years before. The cat had already become a good redskin. The Cherokee have an interesting story about Felis. They call him "wesa," an attempt at the English word "Pussy." When the cat purrs by the fire-side, Indian children say that he is counting in Cherokee, "ta' ladu, nun' gi, ta' ladu, nun' gi," or, "sixteen, four, sixteen, four."

Although the cat may never have been mentioned in the Holy Bible, he was to play a historic role in the New Zion that the Mormons hoped to establish in the

Far West. In 1847 when Brigham Young led his faithful followers into the Great Basin and settled Salt Lake Valley, he prepared for every need, so along went an ample supply of dogs and cats. Already in that country lived a colorful frontiersman, Miles Goodyear. He was a non-Mormon, but a man who would be invaluable to the Mormons because he knew the land so well. In September, only a couple of months after Salt Lake City had been laid out, Goodyear bought from the Mormons the first house cat imported into Utah. It cost him ten dollars.

But not for long was Pussy lonely for feline friends. The next year President Young organized another great migration, which journeyed west in three parties, comprising more than 2,000 emigrants in over 700 wagons. Fortunately for history, and for Felis's glory, records were carefully kept of the numbers of people, wagons, and animals. The first group brought thirty-seven cats, the second party carried along seventeen, and the third, and smallest, took only five.

(In his concluding chapter next month, Mr. Baur will follow the domestic cat in the West through the years of the California Gold Rush and up to the present century.)

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- 1-2—Providence, R. I.—All Breed Cat Club of the Northeast, Inc. (CFA). All Breed (Richard Gebhardt); LH & SH Specialties (Mrs. Henry Herms).
- 1-2—Washington, D. C.—National Capitol Cat Club (ACFA). All Breed (Lillian Limpert); LH & SH Specialties (Marian Moore); FSH Breed Specialties (Adaline Dickie); DSH Specialty (Lynne Vanderpool).
- 1-2—Oklahoma City, Okla.—Oklahoma Cat Club (ACFA). All Breed (Price Cross); LH & SH Specialties (Harriet Wolfgang).
- 1-2—Seattle, Wash.—Puget Sound Cat Club (ACFA). All Breed (Mars Hansen); LH Specialty (Bertha Montpellier); SH Specialty (Wayne Park).
- 2—Montreal, Quebec—Montreal Cat Fanciers Assn. (ACA). All Breed (Ruth McNaughtan); LH Specialty (Jack Foster); SH Specialty (Florence Leopold).
- 8-9—Toledo, Ohio—COMBINED SHOWS: Maumee Valley Cat Club (ACFA). All Breed (Irene Powell); LH & SH Specialties (Lorraine Wiesemann). American National Cat Club (ACFA). All Breed (Rollin A. Cable); LH & SH Specialties (Lillian Limpert).
- 8-9—Kansas City, Mo.—Mo-Kan Cat Club, Inc. (CFA). All Breed (Richard Gebhardt); LH & SH Specialties (Mrs. C. F. Rotter).
- 8-9—Hartford, Conn.—Connecticut Cat Fanciers (CFF). All Breed (Mrs. James Small); LH Specialty (Jack Foster); SH Specialty (Alice Dugan).
- 8-9—Walnut Creek, Calif.—Mount Diablo Cat Club, Inc. (CFA). All Breed (Kay McQuillen); LH & SH Specialties (Stella Harlos).
- 8-9—Cleveland, Ohio—Cleveland Persian Society (CFA). All Breed (Mrs. Lester O'Neill); LH & SH Specialties (Mrs. Henry Herms).
- 8-9—San Diego, Calif.—Silvergate Cat Club (ACFA). All Breed (Patricia Krebs); LH & SH Specialties (Ann Manley); Breed & Pattern Specialties (Dr. R. C. Boren).
- 8-9—Milwaukee, Wisc.—Midwest Feline Fanciers Cat Club (CFF). All Breed (Doris Hobbs); LH & SH Specialties (Lila Rippey).
- 13-14—Boston, Mass.—Boston Cat Club, Inc. (CFA). All Breed (Mrs. Ralph Mabie); LH Specialty (Mrs. Walter Lee); Shorthair Specialty (Mrs. George Brooks).
- 14-15—New York, N. Y.—Atlantic Cat Club (CFF). All Breed (Robertta Billing); LH Specialty (Doris Hobbs); SH Specialty (Betty Youngman).
- 15-16—Akron, Ohio—Cuyahoga Valley Cat Club (ACA). All Breed (Mrs. T. J. McNaughtan); LH & SH Specialties (tba).
- 15-16—San Jose, Calif.—Santa Clara Valley Cat Fanciers (CFF). All Breed (Louise Price); LH Specialty (Olive DeLapp); Shorthair Specialty (Frank Magnan).
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- 22-23—Atlanta, Georgia—Cotton States Cat Club (CFA). All Breed (Mrs. C. F. Rotter); LH & SH Specialties (Richard Gebhardt).
- 22-23—Chicago, Ill.—North Shore Cat Club, Inc. (CFA). All Breed (Laura Graham); LH & SH Specialties (Mrs. L. D. Sample).
- 29-30—Albuquerque, N. M.—Duke City Cat Fanciers (ACFA). All Breed (Frances Kosierowski); LH & SH Specialties (Mrs. Bert Tebbets).
- 29-30—Indianapolis, Ind.—Hoosier Cat Fanciers (CFF). All Breed (Dr. Fern Smith); LH & SH Specialties (Dr. Frances MacCraken).
- 29-30—Buffalo, N. Y.—Buffalo Cat Fanciers (CFA). All Breed (Mrs. C. F. Rotter); LH & SH Specialties (Mrs. Frances Herms).

December

- 6-7—La Mesa, Calif.—San Diego Cat Fanciers (CFA). All Breed (Mrs. Michael O'Brien); LH & SH Specialties (Mrs. Ralph Mabie).
- 6-7—Sarasota, Florida—COMBINED SHOWS: Circus City Cat Club (ACFA). All Breed (Helen Mueller); LH & SH Specialties (Lynne Vanderpool). The Catkins (ACFA). All Breed (Carl Darnell); LH & SH Specialties (Lorraine Wiesemann).
- 6-7—Columbia, S. C.—Palmetto Cat Club (CFA). All Breed (Kay McQuillen); LH & SH Specialties (Mrs. Lester O'Neill).
- 6-7—Des Moines, Iowa—Hawkeye State Cat Club (CFA). All Breed (H. B. Zieses); LH Specialty (Stella Harlos); Shorthair Specialty (Mrs. Cecil Novak).
- 6-7—Tucson, Arizona—Tucson Cat Club (ACA). All Breed (LaVona Wright); LH & SH Specialties (Mrs. T. A. Dobyns).
- 6-7—Elizabeth, N. J.—Garden State Cat Club of New Jersey, Inc. (CFA). All Breed (Richard Gebhardt & Mrs. D. Sample—Referee: Elsie Hydon); LH Specialties (Rita Swenson); SH Specialties (Mrs. John Hunter).

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13-14—Columbus, Ohio—Ohio State Persian Club (CFA). All Breed (Richard Gebhardt); SC, T&T Specialties (Stella Harlos); DSH, Siamese Specialties (Sven Nelson).

January

10-11—White Plains, N. Y.—(COMBINED SHOWS) Westchester Cat Club (CFA). All Breed (Mrs. John Hunter and Mrs. Francis Herms—Referee: tba). Empire Cat Club (CFA). All Breed (Kay McQuillen); LH Specialty (Blanche Wolfram); Siamese & All SH ex Siamese Specialties (H. B. Zieses).

10-11—Fort Wayne, Ind.—Fort Wayne Cat Fanciers (CFA). All Breed (Reed); LH Specialty (Favors).

17-18—Miami, Fla.—Miami Florida Cat Fanciers (CFA). All Breed (Mrs. Walker K. Johnston); LH Specialty (Mrs. Clarence Day); SH Specialty (Mrs. Laura Graham).

17-18—Pittsburgh, Pa.—(COMBINED SHOWS) Allegheny Valley Cat Club of Pittsburgh (CFF). All Breed (Betty Youngman); LH & SH Specialties (Grace Stoneburner). Lake Erie Cat Club of Cleveland (CFF). All Breed (Gertrude Hamaker); LH & SH Specialties (Alice Dugan).

24-25—Houston, Texas—Houston Cat Club (CFA). All Breed (Frances Herms); LH and SH Specialties (Richard Gebhardt).

24-25—St. Louis, Mo.—Greater St. Louis Cat Club. All Breed (Robert Martin); LH & SH Specialties (Blanche Wolfram).

25-26—Clearwater, Fla.—Suncoast Cat Club (ACFA).

February

6-7—Napa, Calif.—Contra Costa Cat Fanciers (CFF). All Breed (Rosamund Flynn); LH Specialty (Emma Grant); SH Specialty (Richard Birkett).

7-8—Rockford, Illinois. (COMBINED SHOWS) Rock Valley Cat Club (ACFA). All Breed (Dr. R. C. Boren); LH & SH Specialties (tba). American National Cat Club (ACFA). All Breed, LH & SH Specialties (tba).

7-8—St. Petersburg, Fla.—Sunshine City Cat Club of Florida, Inc. (ACA). All Breed, LH & SH Specialties (tba).

14-15—Cincinnati, Ohio—Cincinnati Cat Club (CFA). All Breed (Zieses). Specialties (tba).

14-15—New Orleans, La.—Cat Fanciers of New Orleans (ACA). All Breed (Jasperine H. Jones); LH and SH Specialties (Helena Price).

21-22—Dallas, Texas. (COMBINED SHOWS) North Texas Cat Club (ACFA). All Breed (Bert Tebbets); Breed Specialties (Leigh Manley). American National Cat Club (ACFA). All Breed (Phyllis Whitney).

21-22—Philadelphia, Pa.—William Penn Cat Club (CFA). All Breed (Genevieve O'Neill); SH Specialty (Blanche Wolfram).

21-22—San Mateo, Calif.—San Francisco Cat Club (ACA). All Breed (Dr. Frances MacCracken); Shorthair Specialty (Eloise Magnan); LH Specialty (tba).

28-Mar. 1—Detroit, Mich.—Detroit Persian Society, Inc. (CFA). All Breed (Martin). LH & SH Specialties (Lee).

28-Mar. 1—Fort Myer, Va.—Cat Fanciers of Washington, Inc. (CFA). All Breed: LH (Favors), SH (Herms); LH Specialty (Calvert); Siamese Specialty (McQuillen); All SH ex Siamese Specialty (McQuillen).

March

7-8—Las Vegas, Nevada—Purple Sage Cat Fanciers of Southern Nevada.

7-8—Lincoln, Nebraska—(COMBINED SHOWS) Cornhusker Cat Club of Lincoln (ACFA) and Midwest Cat Club of Kansas City (ACFA).

28—Cambridge, Md.—Eastern Shore Cat Fanciers (ACFA). All Breed (Frances Kosierowski); LH Specialty (Lynne Vanderpoel); SH Specialty (Eileen Gleeson); Siamese Specialty (Marion Moore).

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Has your little pal been helping you rake leaves this fall? Of all outdoor endeavors, cats seem to enjoy this the most. The crisp, crackling piles to jump and hide in, the giddy pursuit of the wayward leaf taking one more flier before being part of the smell of autumn . . . these are a cat's delight. And watching him, makes a tiresome task almost a joy for you.

John Pennington of the *Atlanta Journal & Constitution*, in looking for a human interest story, turned his job into a heart-warming and gratifying experience.

This reporter, carrying a stray kit from the Atlanta Humane Society, went from door to door trying to find a home for it. Sounds rather futile? It wasn't. Only five doorbells were rung before the kit found a new home. And the first four families were all hospitable to the kitten and the reporter.

The first attempt brought two women to the door. They had just gotten a dog, but suggested a family down the street and said nice things would happen to the reporter for trying to find a home for the cat.

The second house held a young mother and daughter and although the child petted the kitten, she decided she would rather have the dog promised her.

The third lady didn't need a cat.

The next potential home was already taken by a dog. But the people up the street had just lost a pet cat. Perhaps . . .

This was the fifth doorbell. Two charming little girls called their mother to the door at Mr. Pennington's request. The offer was extended: A good home was being sought for this little ball of fluff—would they be interested?

The mother was dubious. They had just lost one pet. But the little daughters were still filled with the assurance that tomorrow would be luckier and *this* kitten would live forever. Promising to love and feed and care for it, they held it gently as the very nice Mr. Pennington proved a wonderful lesson:

"Only five doorbells removed from the wire cage at the Humane Society, the fuzzy kitten was assured affection in a new home."

The Alhambra, California, *Post Advocate* told of two newsmen who went to cover stories at the San Gabriel Valley Humane Society and the pound.

Photographer Larry Bartlett took both a picture and a white kitten home with him from the Humane Society.

At the pound, reporter Vince Ducette came across a year-old Siamese, that reminded him of one he had once owned. Today, the cat makes his home at the Ducette residence.

Guess no one is really hard-boiled where a kitten is concerned.

A battered three-year old tomcat in Niles, Ohio, showed up at his owners' back-door recently with a very young black kitten in tow. Giving up his bache-

lor's life, he is playing nursemaid with unabashed abandon.

Going him one better, the Nashville, Tennessee, *Banner* ran an item about a tough old tom whose name, Kitten Gray, belied his natural bent.

His nocturnal rounds generally ended with a big breakfast and an all-day sleep. This is normal and natural. But . . . one morning he showed up with a tiny baby rabbit held tenderly in his mouth. He gently laid it at his mistress' feet.

Kitten Gray knew that one present for three children wouldn't do, so the next day he reappeared at intervals with one baby rabbit for each child. The Shield's children were enchanted and the foster father more than proud.

A few days later, he rounded up a quartet of stranded baby kittens and added them to his orphanage.

The Shields, charming and animal-loving people though they are, do hope that this desire to start a foundling home will prove a temporary hobby.

Nothing so universal as the desire to give presents to those we love. A small gal in Wayne, Indiana, sent her grandmother in Detroit a birthday gift. It was her dearly beloved kitten. Without advice from, or notice to, her mother, she and a group of her little friends dropped Blackie in the big mailbox on the corner. With no postage, no address, just sent with love.

One of Nettie's little friends told her father about the gift and the kitten was rescued before any damage was done. Everyone knows you should send a kitten hair-mail.

Did really read of an air-male kit. Tarzan, who, on a whim of his mother, was taken up into a mountain ash in the Carraher's back yard when first born, now prefers to live there.

Attempts to make a land cat of him have all failed. The few times they have gotten him down, he streaks back up like a rocket. They have decided to humor the little tiger-striped guy and now place his food in the lower crotch of the tree where he eats at his leisure. His days are spent climbing about the branches, howling at planes and shouting at people passing by. "Me Tarzan. You Jane." This kid evidently took his mother seriously.

Many are the clippings lately about neurotic and psychotic cats. There are those who feel rejected, neglected and even a case of a cat with delusions of grandeur.

Kay Bowen, columnist for the Ocean City, New Jersey, *Sentinel-Ledger*, wrote of a handsome blue- and yellow-eyed white cat who loves cantaloupe, perfume and gems. He felt the first flush of fame when he appeared in a local theatrical production of *Visit to a Small Planet*.

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And while on the subject of holding on . . . nobody, but nobody tried harder than CATS Magazine to hold onto Summer. We even created an extra September to do it. Were you one of the lucky subscribers who received our wonderful October issue with September branded in big bold letters on the cover?

We tried to catch them, but quite a few were sent. Some day they will likely be worth some fabulous sum such as people pay for inverted postage stamps. But, should you want to keep your record accurate, we will send you a gummed paper paste-over designating your copy as the October 1958 issue. At date of writing this, we haven't had any repercussions, which proves that you are all good subscribers who are more interested in what is inside the cover than what date it bears.

Reminds us of an interesting letter from one of our readers in Santa Barbara, California. Her landlady would not allow her to keep her Siamese cat when it had kittens. She took them to an animal shelter to board.

Someone broke into the cats' quarters and set free about sixty cats, including the three Siamese kittens. But with implicit faith, our reader's cat stayed in her cage, knowing her owner would be back for her.

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